

In the Specification:

At page 1, before line 6, insert the following paragraph:

This United States Utility Patent Application is filed, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371, as the U.S. national stage application of International Patent Application No. PCT/CA00/00533 that was filed May 5, 2000 and claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/132,878, filed May 5, 1999, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

In the Claims:

A marked-up version of the amended claims, showing insertions and deletions is provided in Appendix A; matter that has been deleted is enclosed in brackets and matter that has been added is underlined. Please amend claims 1, 3-19, 24, and 25 to read as follows:

1. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding any one of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4 and 6, or the full complement thereof.
3. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid sequence having at least 70% identity over at least one sequence window of 48 nucleotides with any nucleotide sequence encoding an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4 and 6, or the full complement thereof.
4. The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the nucleotide sequence of is set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.
5. The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the nucleotide sequence is set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3.